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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to an after final amendment filed on 06/26/06.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 27-35.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
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7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

DETAILED ACTION

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with David R. Fairbairn, Reg. No. 26,047 on July 17, 2006.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the claims:

30. (Currently Amended) A method for providing computer application security, the method comprising:

- identifying secured resources within a software application;
- grouping secured resources into user roles stored on data stores of a plurality of security brokers;
- generating a plurality of surrogate identifiers in the data stores of the security brokers, each surrogate identifier being associated with one user role;
- associating users with user roles, each user being associated with one user role;
- and
- determining access rights to the secured resources for each user according to a corresponding surrogate identifier without disclosing the corresponding surrogate identifier to the user, the corresponding surrogate identifier being associated with the user role of the user, determining access rights further comprising:

receiving a permissions request from a workstation and routing the permissions request to one of a plurality of security providers with one of the security brokers;

authenticating a computer user as a valid user with one of the security providers, wherein authenticating the computer user comprises:

- invoking programatically an embedded component within the software application when a secured resource is accessed;
- passing a resource name identifying the secured resource through the embedded component to a platform coordinator;
- retrieving an identifier and a security provider name from the user via the platform coordinator;
- passing the identifier and the security provider name to the security broker;
- relaying the identifier to the security provider associated with the security provider name for authentication;
- evaluating automatically the identifier against a data store of the security provider;
- returning an authentication result to the security broker;
- storing an authentication token with a time stamp in a cache of the security broker when authentication is successful, the authentication token created by the security broker based on the authentication result;
- retrieving the user role associated with the identifier from the data store of the security broker;
- retrieving the surrogate identifier associated with the user role from the data store of the security broker;
- passing the surrogate identifier and a secured resource name from the security broker to the security provider;
- evaluating automatically the surrogate identifier against the data store of the security provider;

determining automatically permissions associated with the surrogate identifier on the security provider;
returning an authorization result associated with the surrogate identifier to the security broker;
creating automatically a permissions token on the security broker based on the authorization result;
relaying the permissions token to the platform coordinator, the permissions token comprising both the secured resource and access rights;
storing the permissions token with a time stamp in a cache on the platform coordinator; and
relaying the access rights to the software application through the embedded component; and
authorizing the user to access one of the secured resources with one of a plurality of security providers.

33. (Currently amended) A method for providing computer security, the method comprising:
- securing a plurality of resources within a software application;
 - identifying each of the plurality of resources in a data store;
 - selecting some of the plurality of resources;
 - grouping selected resources into user roles in the data store;
 - creating a plurality of user names and a plurality of aliases in the data store, each user name and each alias being associated with the same user role;
 - replicating the plurality of resources, the user roles, the plurality of user names and the plurality of aliases in a plurality of data stores; and
 - determining access privileges to the plurality of resources using an alias corresponding to a user name by virtue of the same one user role from one of the plurality of data stores, determining access privileges further comprising:
 - authenticating a user on ~~the~~ a system with one of a plurality of security providers;

authorizing access rights to ~~the~~ secured resources in the software application with one of a plurality of security providers, wherein authorizing access rights comprises:

- capturing a security call from the software application, the security call containing a name identifying a secured resource;
- retrieving a user identifier;
- passing the user identifier to ~~a~~ one of ~~the~~ a plurality of security brokers;
- retrieving one of the plurality of aliases from a data store of one of the plurality of security brokers, the retrieved alias corresponding to the user identifier;
- passing the retrieved alias to ~~a~~ one of the security providers;
- verifying the alias against one of the plurality of data stores on one of the plurality of security providers;
- returning an encrypted permissions token to the software application; and
- determining access rights to the secured resource according to the permissions token; and

receiving a permissions request from one of a plurality of workstations and routing the permissions request to one of the security providers with one of ~~a~~ the plurality of security brokers.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Beemnet W. Dada whose telephone number is (571) 272-3847. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday (9:00 am - 5:30 pm).

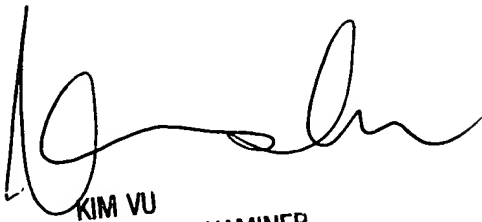
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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kim Y. Vu can be reached on (571) 272-3859. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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